continued International Development Agency assistance to India during his recent visit to that country;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's share of International Development Agency has shrunk from 40 per cent to 22 per cent; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that India's share of International Development Agency does not go below 22 per cent in view of the absolute poverty conditions prevailing in large parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) In his discussions with US authorities, the Minister of External Affairs has stressed India's continued need for concessional assistance from IDA.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) India is engaged in a dialogue with the USA and other donor countries who are at present negotiating the size and criteria for allocation of IDA-8, which will be effective from 1st July, 1987.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme

†2195. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the implementation of minimum wages for rural labourers under the 20-Point Programme during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 in various States;

(b) whether any study has been made regarding the implementation of minimum wages; and

(c) what are the main reasons for its tardy implementation?

†Previously Unstarred Question 1860, transferred from the 13th March, 1986.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to available information all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which have fixed minimum wages in respect of agricultural labourers under the Act have revised the minimum wages in respect of agricultural workers at least once since 1980. In some States/Union Territories, minimum wages have been revised more then once during this period. The Central Government has revised the minimum wages in respect of agricultural labourers on 5 occasions since 1980. The last revision was made on the 12th February, 1985.

(b) The Labour Bureau has made evaluation studies on minimum wages in respect of Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Karnataka.

(c) The Studies reveal that ignorance of employers and labourers about the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, lack of security and facilities to the enforcement machinery, shortage of inspecting staff and lack of co-operation both from the employers as well as labourers to the inspecting staff in rural areas are some of the causes which hamper the progress of implementation.

2196. [*Transferred to the 19th March, 1986*].

Nationalisation of Sree Durga Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills, Konnagar West Bengal

2197. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for nationalising the Sree Durga Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills, Konnagar, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?